

Patent claims .

1. A component (1), particularly for a vehicle,
which is capable of folding about a folding axis (2)
5 and is intended to interact with a fastener (7),
characterized in that the component (1) comprises a
rotating element (3), capable of rotating about an axis
of rotation (6), the axis of rotation (6) forming an
angle (4) with the folding axis (2) or being arranged
10 offset in relation to the folding axis (2).

2. A component (1) according to the preamble of
claim 1, characterized in that a folding produces an
elastic stress in the component (1), the elastic stress
15 causing a restoring force, which acts on the component
(1).

3. The component (1) as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in that a folding produces an elastic
20 stress in the rotating element (3), the elastic stress
causing a restoring force, which acts on the component
(1).

4. The component (1) as claimed in any one of the
25 preceding claims, characterized in that the component
(1) and/or the rotating element (3) is shaped so that
the force curve of the restoring force is non-linear.

5. The component (1) as claimed in any one of the
30 preceding claims, characterized in that the restoring
force compensates for the gravitational force.

6. The component (1) as claimed in any one of the
preceding claims, characterized in that the component
35 (1) comprises two rotating elements (3), at least one
of the axes of rotation (6) of the rotating elements
(3) forming an angle (4) with the folding axis (2) or

being arranged offset in relation to the folding axis (2).

7. The component (1) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the two rotating elements (3) are arranged basically mirror-symmetrically about an imaginary plane (5) perpendicular to the folding axis (2).

8. The component (1) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the angle is preferably approximately 5° - 15° .

9. The component (1) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the rotating element (3) is cylindrical, particularly in the form of a pin or tube.

10. A fastener (7) for interaction with a component (1) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the fastener (7) comprises a rotating element (3), the rotating element (3) being capable of rotating about an axis of rotation (6) which forms an angle (4) with the folding axis (2) of the component (1) or is arranged offset in relation to the folding axis (2).

11. The fastener (7) according to the preamble of claim 10, characterized in that a folding of the component (1) produces an elastic stress in the fastener (7), the elastic stress causing a restoring force, which acts upon the component (1).

12. The fastener (7) as claimed in claim 10 or 11, characterized in that it is a seating mount (7) for supporting the rotating element (3).